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SUBJECT: ENERGY: ECONAD REPORT ON WORLD OIL CRISIS
AND THE ALLIANCE

REF: (A) USNATO 498; (B) USNATO 509

1. ALTHOUGH WE APPROVE THE SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS OF
THE ECONAD REPORT (BUT NOT THE REPORT ITSELF) FOR FOR-
WARDING TO THE NAC WITH THE COMMENTS MADE IN STATE 20019
AND BELOW, WE CANNOT APPROVE THE CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL
THAT HE REVIEW VARIOUS NATIONAL ENERGY INITIATIVES IN
THE COVER NOTE ON HIS OWN RESPONSIBILITY WITHOUT
FURTHER ECONAD DISCUSSION OR REVIEW IN NATIONAL CAPITALS.
SUCH INITIATIVES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF THE U.S. AND
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FRANCE, ARE HIGHLY SENSITIVE POLITICALLY, AND WE CONSIDER

IT INAPPROPRIATE FOR COMMENTS ON THEM TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NAC IN THE MANNER SUGGESTED BY THE CHAIRMAN. IF TIME DOES NOT ALLOW REVIEW HERE, AND PRESUMABLY IN OTHER CAPITALS, WE BELIEVE THESE REFERENCES SHOULD SIMPLY BE DROPPED. IN ANY EVENT, NAC MEMBERS ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROPOSALS, SO LITTLE WOULD BE LOST.

2. PARA. 8 OF ECONAD REPORT, SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS, SHOULD BE AMENDED TO DELETE THE PHRASE, "IN THE RECONVERSION OF PART OF INDUSTRY AND". THIS REFERENCE IS OVERLY VAGUE AND, AS YOU NOTED, IS NOT ESSENTIAL TO THE PRESENT REPORT. KISSINGER

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